

Mayor LaToya Cantrell's 2019 budget began the process of restructuring the City's traffic camera safety program to focus on enhancing public safety. Specifically, the budget called for the elimination of the majority of non-school zone cameras and the limiting of school zone cameras to operate only during school zone hours. Starting January 1, 2019, 20 out of 31 red light traffic cameras located outside of school zones have been turned off and will no longer ticket motorists. Additionally, all cameras located in school zones have been adjusted to only issue tickets during the hours of 7:00am to 9:00am and 2:45pm to 4:45pm on days when school is in session.

The cameras that have been turned off are in some instances located at intersections where other cameras may remain operational. In these instances, only motorists traveling in the direction of the operational camera will be ticketed but signage will remain posted around the intersection. This is expected to preserve many of the safety benefits of having cameras at these intersections while lowering the financial burden on residents.

To further enhance the safety impacts of the remaining cameras, starting February 4, 2019, the enforcement limits used by these cameras will be adjusted by two miles per hour. Cameras in school zones will begin issuing tickets when violators travel 4 miles per hour or more above the speed limit, whereas cameras outside of school zones will issue tickets when violators travel 8 miles per hour or more above the speed limit.

The City is continuing to evaluate school zone locations to relocate deactivated cameras and anticipates converting some of these cameras to active school zone cameras in the future. Mobile cameras will continue to operate as normal. A list of cameras that are being turned off, as well as a list of non-school zone camera locations that will continue to function, are included as an appendix to this release.